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September 19, 2017

Ms. Alexandra Bystritskaya
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SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CASE DON-NAVY 2017-010019

Dear Ms. Bystritskaya:

This is acknowledges receipt and is a final response to your August 26, 2017, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request in which you seek information about asbestos and asbestos containing equipment, ship plans and blueprints, and a crew roster for the USS BAILEY (DD-566) from 1951-1955.

Upon review of your request we determined that the USS BAILEY is not numbered DD-566 but is numbered DD-492. The USS STODDARD is numbered DD-566. Based on that information, we conducted a thorough search of this Headquarters' files, specifically those located in the Logistics, Maintenance and Industrial Operations Directorate (SEA 04). That office is responsible for maintaining the Navy Asbestos Litigation Support Office (NAVALSO) Database which contains all asbestos related documents in the possession of Navy. An extensive search of those files was conducted based on the criteria provided by you, however no records could be located about the "USS BAILEY (DD-566)" as responsive to your request. We also conducted a search for USS BAILEY (DD-492) ship plans and blueprints and learned that they are no longer maintained once the ship has been destroyed. In this instance, the USS BAILEY was sunk as a target on November 4, 1969. Finally, we do not maintain crew rosters. However, in an effort to assist you, we conducted an internet search for responsive documents and located basic Bureau of Ships blueprint plate sets at <http://ussbaileydd492.org> and a crew list at <http://www.hullnumber.com/crew1.php?cm=DD-492>.

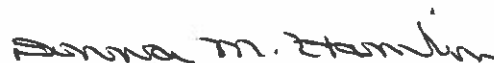
If you believe that we did not conduct an adequate search, you may file an administrative appeal. Your appeal should contain an explanation as to why you believe our search was inadequate and must be received within 60 calendar days from the date of this letter.

If you file an appeal, attach a copy of this letter to the appeal and mark the appeal letter and the envelope FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT APPEAL. Mail the original appeal to the Department of the Navy, Office of the General Counsel, 1000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350. Mail a copy of your appeal to the Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command, (SEA 00A5), 1333 Isaac Hull Avenue SE, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20376-1021.

Fees for processing your request were below the threshold for requiring payment; however, fees are assessed on a case-by-case basis and you may be charged fees on future requests.

If you have any questions concerning the processing of your request, please contact Ms. Ginger Dolan, at 202-781-3359.

Sincerely,



DONNA M. HAMLIN

By direction